

hibited by this act for which a penalty is not otherwise provided, or who wilfully and knowingly does any act or thing prohibited by this act for which a penalty is not otherwise provided, or who wilfully or knowingly fails to do anything herein provided for, for which a penalty is not otherwise provided, the intent of which act or omission shall be to defraud, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or by confinement in the county jail for a term not exceeding one year or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 31. Only cotton or other products grown in the State of Texas shall be stored in warehouses operating under this act.

Sec. 32. It is further provided that the Commissioner may lease wheat and grain elevators, and store and issue receipts for wheat and grain in the same manner as herein provided for cotton, and to the same extent, should it become necessary in furtherance of the general public purpose of this act; and that in so doing all the provisions of this measure with reference to cotton shall apply, so far as practicable.

Sec. 33. If any particular section of this act shall be held unconstitutional, such holding shall not invalidate any other portion thereof.

Sec. 34. The importance of the legislation proposed in this act and the necessity of providing immediately sufficient warehouses to store the cotton products of this State, in view of the financial disturbances due to the European wars, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring that the constitutional rule providing bills shall be read on three several days in each house shall be suspended and the said rule is so suspended and this act shall take effect from and after its passage and it is so enacted.

FIFTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,

Friday, August 28, 1914.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by President Pro Tem. Warren.

Roll call, a quorum was present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Astin.	Hudspeth.
Bailey of Harris.	Johnson.
Brelsford.	Lattimore.
Carter.	McGregor.
Collins.	McNealus.
Conner.	Taylor.
Cowell.	Terrell.
Darwin.	Townsend.
Gibson.	Warren.
Greer.	Watson.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Harley.	Willacy.

. Absent.

Bailey of DeWitt.	Real.
Clark.	Wiley.

Absent—Excused.

Morrow.	Nugent.
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Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Taylor.

EXCUSED.

On account of important business:

Senator Clark, indefinitely, on motion of Senator Harley.

Senator Real, for today, on motion of Senator Cowell.

Senator Wiley, for today, on motion of Senator Darwin.

Morning call concluded.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

By Senator Astin:

S. B. No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a cotton warehouse system in the State of Texas under the direction and control of the State; to provide for the issuance of warehouse receipts, which shall state the weights and grade of cotton received and deposited in warehouses and describe the bale or bales in which it is contained; fixing the standard of the receipts issued against cotton deposited and held in State and licensed warehouses; determining the responsibility of the State to deliver to the holder the cotton described on the face thereof; to provide for the creation of the Cotton Warehouse Commission of Texas; to define the powers and duties of the Commission and to regulate the method by which its membership shall be constituted and the amount of the compensa-

tion of members; empowering the said Commission to build, buy, lease, rent and license and maintain and operate such warehouses; empowering the said Commission to devise and use a seal and to formulate an official form of receipt, and to empower its warehousemen and licensees to issue receipts and surrender cotton described in receipts; defining the meaning of 'warehouse' under this act; authorizing the said Commission to employ persons having the necessary qualifications to supervise, operate and maintain warehouses and perform other duties proper to the carrying out of this act under the direction of the Commission; empowering the said Commission to fix the rates of storage of cotton, to insure the cotton and to collect and disburse the insurance; providing for the issuance of duplicate receipts; to provide for the issuance, exchange, and cancellation of non-negotiable receipts; providing for monthly reports on all cotton stored, and requiring an accounting for loose cotton; prescribing penalties for violation of this act; appropriating money for the carrying out of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, August 28, 1914.

Hon. Robt. L. Warren, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House concurs in amendments to House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Respectfully,

W. R. LONG,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

(Pending Business.)

The Chair laid before the Senate the pending simple resolution by Senator Westbrook, relating to the distribution of the Journals of the 27th inst., and the same was read and adopted.

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

(Pending Business.)

Action then recurred on the pending simple resolution by Senator Watson,

anent the Lieutenant Governorship, and the Chair laid the resolution before the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Senator McNealus, the Senate, at 10:40 o'clock a. m., adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. Monday, August 31.

APPENDIX.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(Majority Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, August 27, 1914.

Hon. Robt. L. Warren, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act construing the term public cotton warehouse, providing for the construction of public cotton warehouses, requiring ginners to construct buildings or platforms for the protection of ginned cotton, directing how cotton shall be wrapped, records to be kept by ginners; construing the term warehouseman, providing for bond of warehouseman, imposing certain duties upon the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, providing for warehouseman records, and examination of public cotton warehouses, defining the terms, samples, loose, linter and bolly, making warehouse receipts negotiable, providing for fees of warehouseman, examination of warehouses and charges for such examination, limiting number of warehouses conducted under one charter; requiring railway companies to shed platforms and to transport cotton in closed cars, requiring all persons concentrating cotton to provide suitable platforms and sheds to protect the same from damage, providing penalties, repealing all laws in conflict, and declare an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendments:

By striking out Articles 2, 3 and 4 of Section 1. In Article 10, Section 2, add the word "grade" after "weight." And by striking out Sections 3 and 4.

COLLINS, Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, August 27, 1914.

Hon. Robt. L. Warren, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act construing the term public cotton warehouse, providing for the construction of public cotton warehouses, requiring ginners to construct buildings or platforms for the protection of ginned cotton, directing how cotton shall be wrapped, records to be kept by ginners; construing the term warehouseman, providing for bond of warehouseman, imposing certain duties upon the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, providing for the issuance of charter to warehouseman, providing for warehouseman records, and examination of public cotton warehouses, defining the terms samples, loose, linter and bolly, making warehouse receipts negotiable, providing for fees of warehouseman, examination of warehouses and charges for such examination, limiting number of warehouses conducted under one charter; requiring railway companies to shed platforms and to transport cotton in closed car, requiring compresses and all persons concentrating cotton to provide suitable platforms and shed to protect cotton from damage, and providing penalties, repealing all laws in conflict, and declare an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and a minority of your committee report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

COLLINS,
WESTBROOK,
TAYLOR,
JOHNSON.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, August 27, 1914.

Hon. Robt. L. Warren, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 5, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a Department of Co-operative Cotton Marketing, to be located at Austin, Texas; providing for necessary office room, equipments, examiners and clerical assistants; providing for the appointment of a commissioner to be known as the Commissioner of Co-operative Cotton Marketing; pro-

viding for the organization of co-operative cotton marketing associations; prescribing duties of the Commissioner of Co-operative Cotton Marketing; defining the business of a co-operative cotton marketing associations; providing for the general administration of the Department of Co-operative Cotton Marketing and of co-operative cotton marketing associations; providing for the appointment of examiners to examine said associations; imposing certain restrictions on the business of co-operative cotton marketing; creating a guaranty fund; providing for the liquidation of co-operative cotton marketing associations; providing for the issuance of participating certificates to be issued by co-operative cotton marketing associations; providing penalties; repealing all laws in conflict, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed, but printed in the Journal.

CARTER, Acting Chairman.

SIXTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,

Monday, August 31, 1914.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by President Pro Tem. Warren.

Roll call, a quorum was present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Bailey of DeWitt.	Johnson.
Bailey of Harris.	Lattimore.
Brelsford.	McGregor.
Carter.	McNealus.
Clark.	Morrow.
Collins.	Real.
Conner.	Taylor.
Cowell.	Terrell.
Darwin.	Townsend.
Gibson.	Warren.
Greer.	Watson.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Harley.	Wiley.
Hudspeth.	Willacy.

Absent.

Astin.

Absent—Excused.

Nugent.

Prayer by the Chaplain.